

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 44, 51 and 52 are amended to remove multiple dependencies so as to reduce the filing fees associated with the filing of the above-identified case. The amendment is not made for a purpose related to patentability.

Now in the case are claims 1-121, of which claims 1, 46, 53, 70, 75, 93, 96, 106, 109 and 114 are independent.

No fees are considered due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby granted to charge Nufern's Deposit Order Account No. 50-2343 for appropriate Small Entity fee.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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